(h) were petitions received from astrologers of good standing and renown to supply the copies required by the Government at 8 as. a copy;

(i) what has been done with such petitions;

(j) what stands in the way of the Government in accepting the proposal?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— (a) 2,000 copies.

(b) About 500 copies. (Actual No. 467 copies.)

(c) The remaining 1,500 copies are sold to the public through a contractor.

(d) Yes; the rate of commission varies according to the offers received from tenderers. A discount of 25 per cent was allowed for the calendars for the current year.

(e) Eight annas a copy.

(f) The total expenditure incurred for the current year's calendar including the pay in full of the astrologers is Rs. 1,183-13-10.

(g) Re. 0-9-6.

(h) Yes; from one Kanippayyur Sankaran Nambudirippad Avl., of Kunnamkulam.

(i) Government did not think that the petitioners' proposal was acceptable and he was informed accordingly.

(j) Government consider that question of finance alone should not weigh with them in the case of a publication of this nature There is some prestige in having a State Calendar and so the proposal is not acceptable.

Establishment of Anchal Offices in rural areas.

219. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the order sanctioning the establishment of Anchal Offices in rural areas on the financial responsibilities of the local population is still in force;

(b) if so, why the Anchal Office at Parappur was abolished;

(c) if not, why the Government thought fit to cancel the order?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Because no guarantee was forthcoming to make good the loss, if any, that might have to be incurred in working the Anchal Office.

(c) This question does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Akkikavu-Pazhanji Road.

220. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the amount granted by the Government in 1103 for repairing the Akkikavu-Pazhanji road;

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